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conducts under the authority of sections 22(d)(1) and (2) of the Act (43 U.S.C. 1348 d(1) and (2)), is a fact-finding proceeding with no civil or criminal issues and no adverse parties. The purpose of the investigation is to prepare a public report that determines the cause or causes of the accident. The investigation may involve panel meetings conducted by a chairperson appointed by MMS. The following requirements must be met for any panel meetings involving persons giving testimony:

(1) A person giving testimony may have legal and/or other representative(s) present to provide advice or counsel while the person is giving testimony. The chairperson may require a verbatim transcript to be made of all oral testimony. The chairperson also may accept a sworn written statement in lieu of oral testimony.

(2) Only panel members, panel's legal advisors, and any experts the panel deems necessary may address questions to any person giving testimony.

(3) The chairperson may issue subpoenas to persons to appear and provide testimony and/or documents at a panel meeting. A subpoena may not require a person to attend a panel meeting held at a location more than 100 miles from where a subpoena is served.

(4) Any person giving testimony may request compensation for mileage and fees for service within 90 days after the panel meeting. The compensated expenses must be similar to mileage and fees the U.S. District Courts allow.

§ 250.192 What evacuation statistics must I submit?

You must submit evacuation statistics to the Regional Supervisor for a natural occurrence such as an earthquake or hurricane. MMS will notify local and national authorities and the public, as appropriate. Statistics include facilities and rigs evacuated and amount of production shut-in for gas and oil. You must:

(a) Submit the statistics by fax or e-mail as soon as possible when evacuation occurs;

(b) Submit statistics on a daily basis by 11:00 a.m., as conditions allow, during the period of shut-in and evacuation;

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(c) Inform MMS when you resume production; and

(d) Submit statistics either by MMS district or the total figures for your operations in the Region.

§ 250.193 Reports and investigations of apparent violations.

Any person may report to MMS an apparent violation or failure to comply with any provision of the Act, any provision of a lease, license, or permit issued under the Act, or any provision of any regulation or order issued under the Act. When MMS receives a report of an apparent violation, or when an MMS employee detects an apparent violation after making an initial determination of the validity, MMS will investigate according to MMS procedures.

§ 250.194 What archaeological reports and surveys must I submit?

(a) If it is likely that an archaeological resource exists in the lease area, the Regional Director will notify you in writing. You must include an archaeological report in the EP or DPP. If the archaeological report suggests that an archaeological resource may be present, you must either:

(1) Locate the site of any operation so as not to adversely affect the area where the archaeological resource may be; or

(2) Establish to the satisfaction of the Regional Director that an archaeological resource does not exist or will not be adversely affected by operations. This requires further archaeological investigation, conducted by an archaeologist and a geophysicist, using survey equipment and techniques the Regional Director considers appropriate. You must submit the investigation report to the Regional Director for review.

(b) If the Regional Director determines that an archaeological resource is likely to be present in the lease area and may be adversely affected by operations, the Regional Director will notify you immediately. You must not take any action that may adversely affect the archaeological resource until the Regional Director has told you how to protect the resource.